

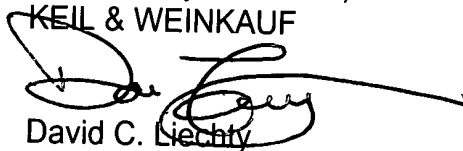
REMARKS

Applicants elect Group III as identified by the examiner, i.e., claims 12-17, with traverse, for the following reasons. The claim groupings are related as product (claims 1-6), product and process for producing the first product (claims 7-11), and a process for using the first product. Annex B of the PCT Administrative Instructions, in particular section (e)(i), state that such a relationship supports a finding of unity of invention. Further, dependent claims 3-6, at least, define a contribution over the prior art, and as a portion of the invention "taken as a whole" demonstrate that a special technical relationship is present.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

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